
CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER

MISSION

The mission of the Durham County Criminal Justice Resource Center is to reduce crime in the community by reducing recidivism through highly structured programs where offenders learn to modify their behavior patterns that lead to criminal activities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Criminal Justice Resource Center as a public safety department is responsible for service delivery to offenders on supervised probation, post-release supervision and in detention. The department provides various programs to adult and juvenile offenders residing in Durham County. All services are provided at a central location and designed to address various needs in a holistic approach. Program participants have access to substance abuse treatment services, academic instruction, various life skills and character education classes, as well as workforce development courses and employment assistance services. Service delivery builds upon and is provided in cooperation with other health and human service agencies in Durham County.

The department currently operates the following programs:

- The Day Reporting Center is a highly structured program and is considered a court sanction used as an alternative to incarceration.
- The Second Chance Program is an outpatient substance abuse treatment program for adults.
- The STARR Program is a substance abuse treatment program located in the Durham County Detention Center.
- The Reentry Program is for recently released inmates who are returning to the community.
- The Juvenile Day Reporting Center serves court-involved youth, providing academic instruction for suspended middle school students, as well as Saturday and summer programs.

2002-03 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CJRC: Preliminary data for the first 6 months of FY 00/01 showed that 86% of those completing the program did not have new charges within one year of discharge.

- CJRC: 77% of the students meeting the attendance standard for ABE/GED classes improved their test scores and/or performance.
- CJRC: 52% of clients who exited the program through February '03 had obtained and/or maintained employment while in the program.
- STARR: Through February '03, STARR admitted 276 clients. All received 28 days of Substance Abuse Treatment and 107 received an additional 28 days in the STARR Grad program.
- STARR: Through February '03, 67% of the program participants graduated.
- Reentry: The program established new partnerships with the community for mentoring and workforce development services.
- Reentry: 86% of the admissions began attending classes either the same day or within 1 to 2 business days.

2003-04 OBJECTIVES

- 80% of the participants completing the programs for adult offenders successfully will not have new charges, excluding traffic offenses, within one year of discharge.
- 65% of clients entering substance abuse treatment will successfully complete their Phase assignments.
- 66% of clients who exit the program will obtain and/or maintain employment while in the program.
- 70% of participants will graduate the STARR program.